THE RING OF WATER BURANA - DESTRA PO km 56,850

Roadways | Cycle track | Unmetalled roads

From the heart of the Estense city this circuit leads out into the Ferrarese countryside as far as **Bondeno** along a safe cycle path, mostly in the shade. At Bondeno the route joins the **Destra Po cycleway** on the Po embankment, returning to **Ferrara Castle**.

Start:
Ferrara,
Estense Castle

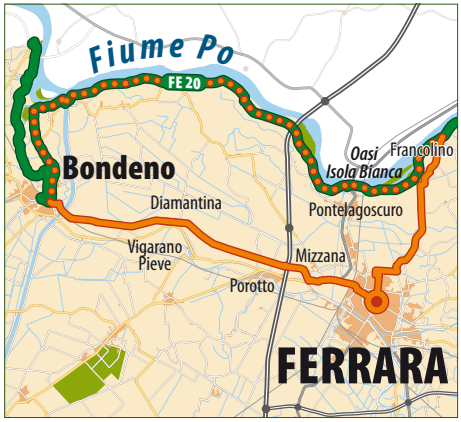
Arrival:
Ferrara,
Estense Castle

Length of Route:
km 56,850

On Roadways:
km 7,320 (13%)

On cycle track:
km 49,530 (87%)

On unmetalled roads:
km 0,000 (00%)



A This convenient and safe route begins from Via Modena and runs alongside the **Canale Burana** (to the left of the cycle track) digged in the first years of the 20th century.

B The cycle track, after the first stretch in the open, runs between rows of poplars and continues to follow the Canale Burana (now to the right of the cycle path) across pleasant and serene countryside through which it is possible to pedal without the slightest effort. The track's long straight stretches are marked out in lanes and there are distance markers every kilometre.

C From the cycle track you can see to the left the nature reserve, former sandpits, transformed into a green area with food, canoe hire, and birdwatching towers. Further along on the opposite side, the estate of the Diamantina, one of the Este's 'delizie' (country retreats) comes into view - it can be reached by the cycle track that leaves this route at Burana.

D Burana ecological Corridor
All along the cycleway, a sheltering hedgerow provides a linking stretch of riverbank vegetation in the area between the canal and the cultivated land beyond.

E The **Napoleonic Cut** is an important artificial canal, 18 km long, that joins the Reno to the Po, begun as drainage for the Reno in the Napoleonic era. It is another testament to the profound links between the Bondeno lands and the water.

F From the embankment we can view the panorama of the mouths of the river Panaro and the evocative outline of a large island in the river, **Isola Tontola**, part of a nature reserve.

G At **Pontelagoscuro** there is the Biconca del Canale Boicelli, which was dug in the early 1900s as a drainage channel between the Po Grande, Ferrara and the Po di Volano.

	0,000		**Ferrara, start from Castello Estense.** Follow Viale Cavour using the cycle path that runs parallel.
	1,280		Cross viale Po and continue on the left hand side of Viale Po and via Modena. **Go on carefully**.
A	3,730		Before the roundabout go onto the *Burana cycle path* on the right. **The sign is not very visible**.
B	5,130		At the bend on the right bear left, pass the Burana canal and take the cycle route on the right.
C	8,510		A sign marks the boundary between the areas of Ferrara and Vigarano Mainarda.
D	12,110		Once you arrive in the area of Bondeno follow the cycle path that runs alongside the railway line.
E	16,270		At the crossroads with Via Napoleonico turn left, go up onto a short ramp and cross the **Cavo Napoleonico** canal.
	17,220		At the end of the cycle path, turn left on to the road.
	17,610		Turn right and follow the **FE 20** ***Destra Po*** indications on the Panaro embankment cycle path.
F	20,760		Keep to the left along the Panaro embankment following the cycle path.
	24,180		Pass the Cavo Napoleonico and, immediately after, go back on to the cycle path on the left following the embankment.
G	41,200		Once you have passed the Boicelli canal (Biconca), cross carefully the SS 16 Road towards Pontelagoscuro.
	41,980		Once you have passed the railway line continue along via Ricostruzione going left and then continue straight on along the embankment.
	42,730		Once you come within sight of the Isola Bianca pass the barrier and continue on the embankment.
	46,810		Once you arrive in **Francolino**, come down from the embankment and continue heading towards Ferrara. At 47,260 follow the cycle path FE 203.
	53,990		Continue on the right toward the Parco urbano Giorgio Bassani following the cycle route along the canal parallel to via Bacchelli.
	54,960		At the traffic light cross via Bacchelli and continue until you reach the city walls. Turn left after the subway.
	55,410		Turn right on to the Corso Ercole I d'Este until you reach the Este Castle. Junction with the cycle route ***From the city walls to the River Po***.
	56,850		**Arrival at Castello Estense.**